A Mystery-Romance of the Frozen North

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OPER OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS. Paul Hazard comes back to Lastiuch Lake hum a prospecting trip, to find his employer, Midgeway, Ass sneaked off to the nearest settlement, leaving his daughter, Sophy, in camp to look after his interests. In the camp also is, a mag of Ridgeway's miners, grown mutimous, Midge, the foreman, alone is trustworthy. He talls Hazard the men are frightened because some of them have seen a mysterious creature which mans to be half woif, half human, Hazard laughs of this story as preposterous. Sophy shows him for the reward and the shindy over it."

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"That's straight, Kelly," he said bulged. "Nobody'd come, in the first bulged, "Nobody'd come, in the first to thousand dollars. I couldn't—matter with the claim?"

but I wasn't brought up in Boston."

Keily's friends laughed, and the ritory is obliged to make a survey at his own expense, to the first surveyed brought up a quarter of a mile too line; otherwise, there's nothing to tie slose to hell to care for ghost stories," your claim to." he snarled. "I'll stay."

Kelly's friends would stay, too; staff. I guess we'll record somehow, when we've got the staff. I guess it isn't likely any one staff. I guess it isn't likely any one whose boast was that he had been whose boast was that he had been ble. Why, no one knew this place was, even, when we came to it."

"Not for all we know," carelessly, toughest part of all the gang, and "Anyhow, if there was a rush, even, I make our own learn. Hazard did a mental sum, with here."

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"Um-hum," Rider grinned. "I guess
Til go down now and get some water
and such for Miss Ridgeway. I suppose you won't begin work till the
men go?"
This left him seven, four of whom,
even five, must be timber-men—the
first thing needful was the timbering—and two over. He must have one
more man, unless he and Rider were
mever to be off duty. He might use
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"Til begin timbering to-morrow.
What would be the good of their toboggans? They couldn't haul them!"
Rider nodded and disappeared with
Olsen. Hazard, following them, sat
down in his shack to make a sketch-

That leaves twenty-rour of you can go," he said. "If you like you can He was appalled at the plain sulcies on it, for you don't know what's cide of the thing, and ashamed to before you on a long winter road, know that he was relieved, too; he l'il give you what you can carry; had not looked forward to the sand it's giving, mind! If you break ciety of the malcontents for the and come back there'll be no next week. He marched over to the



Relly and his friends, but he could asper trust them, nor West, either. For Nelson he had no use or anything else; he could go, like poor Bernstein, the sooner the better.

He did not lift his eyes toward Olsen, who stood apart with the better members of the gang; he would not left members of the gang; he would be not left ask any man to stay. Olsen was all he said of Kelly in wrathful yells, of Kelly's about him, though he might have said more if he had known the unspect ask any man to stay. Olsen was

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"You have no fear," said the Swede was "You have no fear," said the Swede will, "and so you stay. I have much fear, but—I shall stay, too! "But the stores? They'll starve!" "They took all they wanted; broke in Stockholm, but it has come to the first is so. I have always thought to the store. They may have to go first is so. I have always thought to the store. They may have to store, and the curious fatality in the swede's voice did not strike him; perhaps for the sordid reason that it was a first the afternoon and he had had no breakfast.

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